

## 2008 Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program

### BACKGROUND

The Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program (Program), established by the North Dakota Legislature in 1991, provides cost-share assistance to livestock producers with water supply shortages caused by drought. The Program is administered by the North Dakota State Water Commission (Commission).

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any North Dakota Livestock Producer who has failed stockwater supplies due to drought.

A "livestock producer" means an individual who produces livestock or operates a dairy farm, who normally devotes a major portion of the individual's time to the activities of farming or ranching, and has a typical year cash flow projection showing at least 50% of the producer's annual gross income coming from farming or ranching.

### ELIGIBILITY

Eligible items include new water wells, rural water system connections, pipeline extensions, pasture taps, pumps, generators, electrical and solar hook-ups, stock water tanks; and labor, materials, and equipment rentals for work completed by the producer.

- The applicant must have been denied Farm Service Agency ECP cost-share assistance. The county FSA office will provide a letter of denial to the producer.
- The Commission will fund the program to the extent funding is available. Priority for funding will be based on earliest date of application.
- Cost-share assistance may only be used for water supply projects that will provide a long term solution to a drought-related water supply shortage.
- All wells drilled with funds provided through this program must be drilled by a North Dakota certified water well contractor.
- The applicant may receive up to 50 percent of the eligible costs, but no more than \$3,500 per project with a limit of three projects per applicant.

The following projects are **not eligible** for funding from the Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program.

- Rehabilitation of an existing well.
- A water supply project on federal or state land.
- A dry hole drilled in an attempt to construct a water well or to locate a water source.
- The construction of stock dams or dugouts.
- Projects that require repair or replacement as a result of failure to provide maintenance to an existing water source.

### APPLICATION

Applicants are required to submit to the Commission:

1. A cost-share assistance application;
2. A map and/or aerial photo of the project area;
3. A letter of denial for assistance from the FSA; and
4. An estimate of project costs.

Additional information will be available on the Commission's website at <http://swc.nd.gov> or by calling 328-4989.